

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Docket Number (Optional)

PLOVIN-0002-A

In re Application of  
Wolfgang HEIL et al.Application Number  
09/757,688Filed  
January 11, 2001For DROSPIRENONE FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT  
THERAPYGroup Art Unit  
1615Examiner  
Lakshmi Sarada ChannavajjalaApplicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, April 19, 2006, rejecting the following claims: 173-192, 195-230, 233 and 234.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b))

\$ 500.00.☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is:

\$ \_\_\_\_.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

I am the

☐ applicant/inventor.☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.

☒ attorney or agent of record.☐ attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_.

  
Signature

John A. Sopp, Reg. No. 33,103

Typed or printed name

October 19, 2006

Date

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☐ \*Total of \_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

10/20/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000044 09757688

01 FC:1401

500.00 0P